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# SOUTHERN EXPRESSIONS

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## *Message from the Chair, Sandra Bandy*

The summer issue of Southern Expressions is always hot, not just with the weather but with the news that fill these pages. I'm happy to report that Southern Chapter was well represented at the MLA Annual Meeting by attendance, participation, and leadership. **Sylvia McAphee**, our Chapter Council Representative and I participated in the Section/Chapter Posters session highlighting Southern Chapter's unique characteristics and committee involvement.



*Sylvia McAphee*

The Southern Chapter Executive Board also met during the meeting. Even though we did not have a quorum present at the

meeting, reports were given and updates were shared. The Bylaws Committee continues to work on proposed amendments recommended during the SC/MLA annual business meeting in October 2013. A ballot containing these bylaws revisions will be sent out to you later this summer, along with the slate of officers recommended by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Board. The Bylaws Committee also discussed with the Board the concept of using appendices with the bylaws to make reform simpler. It was recommended that the committee draft out this idea and submit it to the Board. Our Government Relations Liaison for the last few years has not been filled, after consulting with MLA's Government Committee it has been recommended that we reestablish this position. **Lindsay Blake**, our Communication Committee chair, has been sending



out pertinent information to the Chapter. I will be working with the Board on appointing someone to his position or designating one of the officers to be the Government Relations liaison as a function of their position.

For 2014 we have 216 paid membership renewals, 13 new members, 14 student members, and 37 Honorary members for a total membership of 280. This is slightly down from last year's final membership of 308. It is not too late to renew your 2014 membership to continue all of the privileges as a Southern Chapter member.

## *Message from the Chair, cont.*

Our Public Relations Committee will be working on guidelines for social media. **Mary Kate Haver**, chair, indicated there was some discussion about pictures posted to social media that might cause concerns with some institutions. **Irma Quinones**, chair of the Research Committee and her committee will be working on updating the scoring tools for the research award. Currently they only focus on quantitative scoring and need to have better qualitative scoring tools.

Carla Funk has announced her fall retirement as Executive Director of the Medical Library Association. President Linda Walton established a search committee that includes Dixie Jones, AHIP, chair; Linda Walton; Michelle Kraft, AHIP; Chris Shaffer, AHIP; Kate Corcoran; and Southern Chapter member **Sandra Franklin**, AHIP.

We have been all waiting on an update from the Program and Local Arrangements chairs, **Richard Nollan** and **Judy Burnham**, as they have been diligently working with their committee members on the 2014 Annual Meeting which will be held October 26-30 in Mobile, AL at the Battle House Renaissance Hotel and Spa. The meeting web site is linked to our chapter's web page with a theme: "Making a Difference in Health". The call for papers and posters has been sent, speakers are all set, and banquet and exhibitors are in place. The Professional Development committee will have several continuing education courses that fit a variety of librarians. Everyone has been working hard! Be ready for announcements, areas where you can participate, and the all-important early bird deadline so you can be prepared for the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer. Remember your Board is working for you and welcomes questions anytime.

Sandra

## *Around the South: Alabama*

### **Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL**

**Dean of UAB Libraries Announced:** John M. Meador, Jr. was selected as the first dean of UAB Libraries and will assume this role on August 5. As dean of UAB Libraries, he will provide leadership for Mervyn H. Sterne Library and Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences. Meador has held the position of dean of libraries at Binghamton University, University of Mississippi, and Missouri State University. In

the announcement in [UAB News](#), Meador shared, "I look forward to working with Provost Linda Lucas, Vice Provost Suzanne Austin, and my colleagues in the Mervyn H. Sterne and Lister Hill libraries to create a holistic, state-of-the-art response to the UAB community's curricular and research information needs and desires."



*John M. Meador, Jr.*

### *Around the South: Florida*

#### **Harriet F. Ginsburg Health Sciences Library, College of Medicine, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL**

**Google Glass:** In April 2014, the library purchased two Google Glass. The library plans to loan the Glass to faculty for exploration in the assistance of patient care. Currently, library staff is investigating Glass and its functionality.



*Google Glass*

**Conferences:** The library team presented a poster titled, "Leading the Way to Building a Foundation for College-Wide Workplace Wellness Programs: A Model for Health Sciences Libraries," at the annual Medical Library Association meeting in Chicago in May.



*UCF MLA 2014 Poster*

Michael Garner, our medical informatics librarian, attended the second annual Mobile Computing in Medical Education Conference in downtown Indianapolis on Friday, May 30, 2014.

The Library Director Nadine Dexter will attend the 2014 Information Technology in Academic Medicine Conference, sponsored by the AAMC Group on Information Resources (GIR) from June 9-11, 2014 in Nashville, Tennessee. Nadine, along with colleagues from the College of Medicine, will give a panel presentation Tuesday, June 10 on the topic "Perpetual Technology Transition in Medical Schools."

**Announcements:** Michael Garner applied for and received a \$2,000 AAHSL Leadership Scholarship. He will use the money to pay for an AMIA 10x10 class.

Pamela Herring, one of our Electronic Resources Librarians, was appointed the Florida Health Sciences Library Association (FHSLA) Alert Newsletter Editor. It is a two-year commitment. She published her first issue on June 5, 2014.

On April 3, 2014, the library welcomed baby boy Sai Gillum into the world! Born 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and 20 ¼ inches tall, Shalu and Andy Gillum are proud of the new addition to their growing family.



*Baby boy, Sai Gillum*

## **Health Science Center Libraries, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL**

**Personnel:** Rolando Garcia Milian's last day at the Health Science Center Library was April 23, 2014. He is now at the Cushing/Whitney Medical Library at Yale University in New Haven Connecticut.



*Rolando Garcia-Milian*

Beth Auten's last day will be July 18, 2014. She is leaving to move closer to her family in North Carolina.



*Beth Auten*

**Awards & Honors:** Michele Tennant received the 2014 Lucretia W. McClure Excellence in Education Award at the MLA Annual Meeting.

In April 2014, John Reazer (Medical Information Services Librarian at UF's Borland Library) was elected Vice-President/President-Elect of the Florida Health Sciences Library Association (FHSLA). In this role, he will also serve as a Co-Chair of the Program Committee, which works with the committees of Local Arrangements,



Continuing Education, and Honor and Awards to plan for the annual conferences.



*John Reazer*

**Publications:**

Nancy Schaefer and Nina Stoyan-Rosenzweig's article "Health and Safety during Canal Construction" appeared in the memorial book, *100 Years of the Panama Canal: Celebrating the Centennial 1914-2014* [http://issuu.com/faircountmedia/docs/100\\_years\\_of\\_the\\_panama\\_canal](http://issuu.com/faircountmedia/docs/100_years_of_the_panama_canal), distributed to participants at the UF Center for Latin American Studies 63<sup>rd</sup> annual conference March 19-21.

Tennant MR. "Outreach in Health Science Libraries", pgs 226-51 in *Health Sciences Librarianship*, Wood MS (ed), R & L Publishers/Medical Library Association, May 2014.

**Teaching:** Beth Auten taught *Finding Your Way on the Magnet Journey*, a 2 hour MLA CE course she developed, at the MLA Annual Meeting in Chicago.

**Travel:** On March 28<sup>th</sup> Rae Jesano attended the her first meeting as a member of APhA Books and Electronic Products Editorial Advisory Board at the American Pharmacists Association's Annual meeting in Orlando, Florida.

May 7<sup>th</sup> through May 9<sup>th</sup> Jennifer Lyon attended the Florida Literacy Conference in Daytona Beach FL .

Cecilia Botero, Michele Tennant, Ellie Bushhousen, Beth Auten, Hannah Norton, Mary Edwards, Nancy Schaefer, Jennifer Lyon and Rae Jesano all attended the MLA Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Mary Edwards, Jennifer Lyon, Hannah Norton, Nancy Schaefer, Michele Tennant and Cliff Richmond, the head of our IT department, presented posters or papers that they authored or co-authored at MLA.

Nancy Schaefer attended the Special Libraries Association Annual Conference in Vancouver, Canada, June 8-10, and presented the following poster: "Beyond the (standard) male: collaborating to increase faculty and student awareness of sex and gender differences in health research", 8 June, contributed poster (Schaefer N [presenter], Tennant MR, Norton HF, Edwards ME)

## **Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine Library, Florida International University, Miami, FL**

**Doctors of Tomorrow:** Medical librarians participated in the "Doctors of Tomorrow" program at the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine in June. DOT is an intensive one-week premedical summer program aimed at developing the knowledge, skills, experiences, and attributes needed to be a competitive medical school applicant and a better student. The students must be Florida residents from a group that is either underrepresented in medicine, the first generation in college, or a low socioeconomic status. All expenses are paid, including dormitory housing. Medical librarians teach the students information search formulation and retrieval skills that they must use to perform and present research on a non-routine medical condition at the end of the week. This year, a small bag of swag for the students was graciously provided by Ovid Technologies (Diane Campagnes).



*DOT Class of 2014 w/ Dr. Barbra Roller, Program Director*

**Portrait of College of Medicine Founder:** Now visible in the Medical Library is the portrait of Dr. Herbert A. Wertheim, after whom the College of Medicine is named. Dr. Wertheim is founder of Brain Power, Inc., a world class manufacturer of ophthalmic instruments. He is also a renowned scientist and inventor, educator, optometric physician, philanthropist and community leader. The outstanding painting was done by Professor David Chang, a distinguished art educator in the FIU College of Education. It hangs on the West wall of the Medical Library, as shown below with admiring medical student Navid Ajabshir.



*Navid Ajabsbir looks at portrait of Dr. Herbert A. Wertheim*

**Hector Perez-Gilbe**, Head of Information & Instruction Services, was elected by the COM faculty to the FIU Senate's University Library Committee.

**Luda Dolinsky**, Associate Director, has been appointed to the Medical Library Association's Award Jury for the Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Collection Development.

### **Louis Calder Memorial Library, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL**

**Staff News:** **JoAnn Van Schaik** and **Carmen Bou-Crick** were appointed *ex-officio* members of the Executive Faculty Curriculum Steering Committee (JVS) and the Clinical Curriculum Advisory Committee (CBC) of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

**Kimberly Loper** was recently named Deputy Director for the Louis Calder Memorial Library. She will assist **JoAnn Van Schaik**, Interim Executive Director, with the administration and management of the library.

**Carmen Bou-Crick** and **Kimberly Loper** attended the 2014 Medical Library Association annual meeting that was held in Chicago from May 15-21, 2014. Activities included taking Continuing Education courses, attending section programming, enjoying the exhibitors' area, visiting the Field Museum and the Shedd Aquarium, and sightseeing around the city. On May 19<sup>th</sup>, during MLA, **Carmen Bou-Crick** attended the Awards Committee meeting as chair of the Thompson Reuters/Rogers Information Advancement Award, which is presented to an individual (or small group of individuals) in recognition of distinguished professional contributions to the application of technology in the delivery of health care information. Also, **Bou-**



**Crick** attended the first meeting of the **MLA Latino SIG** which was held on May 20, 2014 at 11:30 a.m., at the Hyatt Regency Chicago Convention Center.



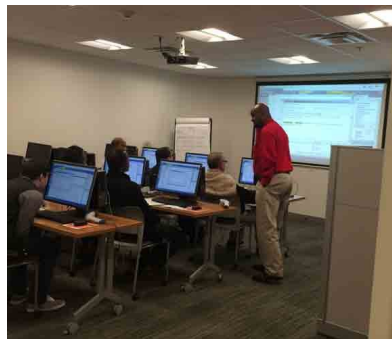
*MLA Latino Sig Meeting*



*Loper and Carmen Bou-Crick (far right)  
sharing with colleagues Rom Chan,  
Elizabeth Norton, Siobhan Champ-Blackwell,  
and Katie Chan during MLA activities.*

**Barbara A. Wood** completed her first year as a member of the Honors Program in Medical Education Committee. The Honors Program in Medicine (HPME) is offered to mature high school seniors with strong academic ability and achievement who seek careers in medicine or medical science. Students can earn both a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) and a Doctor of Medicine Degree (M.D.) in 7 or 8 years. Students undergo a highly selective screening process and are admitted simultaneously to the College of Arts and Sciences and to the School of Medicine. Accepted students are assured of a place in medical school after 3 or 4 calendar years of undergraduate work.

**Renovation Update:** Following our report on the move of over 25,000 books in compact shelving from the basement to the third floor of the library, we are proud to report that all went as planned and now the basement has been converted into six new large classrooms to be used to train physicians, nurses, and staff on the Electronic Medical Record and other electronic systems used in UHealth hospitals and clinics.

*UM Classroom*

Six new classrooms were built in the Calder Library basement after a massive cleanup and reconstruction effort.

We also are happy to report that, as expected, the opening of the Starbucks Coffee Shop in February has increased attendance at our library. We are starting to remodel parts of the library to encourage patrons to come enjoy their coffee on our new sitting area by the library entrance.

*Calder Library entrance**Calder sitting area*

Our new furniture aims to promote a relaxing atmosphere so that patrons can enjoy a cup of coffee in the library and in doing so, also learn about our class offerings and library services.

## *Around the South: Georgia*

### **Robert B. Greenblatt M.D. Library - Georgia Regents University, Augusta, GA**

#### **NLM Awards Biomedical Informatics course to Georgia Regents University:**

The [National Library of Medicine](#) has awarded Robert B. Greenblatt M.D. Library, Georgia Regents University a multi-year, \$1.7 million contract to host the NLM Georgia Biomedical Informatics Course. The course, previously held at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, offers participants a week-long immersive experience in biomedical informatics and provides continuing education to health care professionals interested in the application of computer technologies to medicine. The Georgia course will be held at [Brasstown Valley](#). The fall class is scheduled for September 14-20, 2014. Please see more information here: [NLM Georgia Biomedical Informatics Course](#).

**New Faculty and Staff at Greenblatt:** Steven D. Shelton, MLIS, joins the faculty as the Systems Librarian. Steven was introduced to the library profession when he joined the Tahlequah Public Library as a Library Technology Specialist over ten years ago. He fell in love with the profession and completed his MLIS at University of Oklahoma. Steven then moved on to academic librarianship serving as a Digital/Learning Special Projects Resident at Kansas State University and a Web Services Librarian at University of Arkansas – Fort Smith. Steven and his wife relocated to Aiken when his wife was transferred to the VA facility in Augusta. Previous to joining GRU he worked as a User Experience Specialist at Richland Public Library in Columbia, SC.



*Steven Shelton*

*Jillian Oliver*

Jillian Oliver, BA, joins the Library Administration Office as an Office Associate. She graduated from Georgia Regents University with a Bachelor of Arts in History and previously worked as an Administrative Assistant for Columbia County Board of Education Technology Department. Jillian has been accepted into the Clayton State University Masters of Archival Studies program and will begin classes in fall 2014.

**Connolly-Brown and Mears awarded grants from the NNLM/SEA:** Maryśka Connolly-Brown, MAT, MLIS, Serials Resources Librarian and embedded librarian in the College of Allied Health Sciences, has received an award for \$1,447 to attend the Georgia Society for Respiratory Care Summer Meeting in Savannah, GA at the end of July. The State or Regional Exhibiting Award is conferred by the National Libraries of Medicine Southeastern/Atlantic Region (NN/LM SE/A). It will give her the opportunity to exhibit NN/LM resources such as Medline Plus, Tox Town and the Household Products Database that can be used by respiratory therapists to engage and educate their patients – especially children and families – about common respiratory ailments including understanding medical terminology, symptoms and treatments, and awareness of environmental air pollutants. On average, the Summer Meeting hosts 150+ respiratory therapists in hospitals and with home care companies, managers of respiratory and cardiopulmonary services, and educators who provide respiratory care training.

*Maryśka Connolly-Brown*

Kim Mears, MLIS, AHIP, Nursing Information Librarian, has been awarded an [Express Training Award](#) from the National Network of the Libraries of Medicine Southeastern/Atlantic Region. She will partner with Dr. Sandra Inglett, faculty in the Georgia Regents University and Director of the [Enterprise Community Healthy Start](#) (ECHS) initiative, to provide training to nurses, social workers, and public librarians in Burke and McDuffie counties. The ECHS focuses their efforts on improving the adequacy of prenatal care, patient education, and monitoring and management of high risk, African-American patients to reduce infant mortality rates. Training will focus on accessing and evaluating health information resources that are appropriate for consumers with low health literacy skills. All nurses in attendance will receive Georgia Nursing Association Continuing Education credits.



*Peter Shipman*

Peter Shipman, MLIS, Dental Medicine and Cancer Librarian, was awarded two exhibit funds by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/Atlantic region. The exhibit funds will promote National Library of Medicine products at the South Carolina Oncology Society annual meeting in Charleston and at the Health and Wellness Expo at the Augusta Convention Center.

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#### **2014 First Annual Greenblatt Staff Recognition Awarded to Lisa Workman:**

Lisa N. Workman currently serves as the Manager of Access Services and Interlibrary Loan. She began her employment with GRU (then MCG) in 1986 and worked in Interlibrary Loan, a unit within the Circulation Department. In 1993 Lisa changed direction in the Library and began working in Collection Services. This involved working with journals, binding of library material, and learning about bibliographic data. This was the starting point of Lisa's passion to understand the workings of an integrated library system. Because of the knowledge she gained, Lisa was part of the team that implemented the Library's Voyager OPAC, cataloging system, and GIL Express. The consolidation of Augusta State University and Georgia Health Sciences University created opportunities to restructure/reorganize the Greenblatt and Reese Libraries, and Lisa entered into a newly created position to manage the public operations as the Manager of Access Services and Interlibrary



Loan. The consolidation also created the need to merge both Libraries systems, and Lisa was again involved with the extensive process.



*Lisa Workman*

**Faculty Publications and Presentations:**

Palladino C, Nash J, **Davies K, Blake L**, Candler C, Stepleman L. Translating the concept of evidence-based assessment into everyday educational practice: Building a DREAM. Short Communication. Association for Medical Education in Europe Annual Meeting. August 30 –September 3, 2014.

**Davies K & Blake L**, Palladino, C. & Halbert, J.D. (2014). *Designing a DREAM Database: Library Faculty Integration in Medical Education Assessment*. Journal of the Medical Library Association. *Accepted for October 2014*.

**Blake L, Ballance D, Connolly-Brown M, Davies K, Gaines JK, Mears K & Shipman P.** (2014). *Adapting an embedded model of librarianship, college by college*. Medical Reference Services Quarterly. *Accepted for 34(4)*.

**Smithsonianmag.com:** The photograph collection in the Historical Collections and Archives of the Greenblatt Library includes class photographs of the Medical College of Georgia. Some of the earliest class photos included an essential character to the history of MCG, Grandison Harris, the school's resurrection man. Just as he played a part in the background in the school's history, Mr. Harris stood in the back row in the class photos.

The [Smithsonian online magazine](#) features an article about Harris and includes three class photographs. The photographs are believed to be the only ones of Harris to exist. While the original photographs are kept in the Historical Collections and Archives, digitized versions are available online via the [Greenblatt Library website](#).

**Open Access Resolution passed in GRU Faculty Senate:** On the heels of passing the "[Support of Open Access Dissemination of Research Resolution](#)" at the University Libraries Faculty Assembly in October 2013, the Libraries approached the University Senate to consider adopting a similar resolution. An ad hoc committee was formed to decide if an open access resolution would be beneficial for our campus community. Faculty from each college were invited to join the com-

mittee to ensure representation from the Summerville and Health Sciences campuses. The committee met to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of open access dissemination of scholarly activities, as well as the many methods of open access publishing. With a unanimous vote, the committee members agreed to draft an open access resolution. The resolution aimed to address four areas: copyright/authors' rights, institutional repositories, increased dissemination of research, and economic barriers. The resolution was drafted and presented at the April 2014 University Senate meeting. The Senate voted to accept a resolution on the ["Support of Open Access Dissemination of Research."](#) Of note, the resolution "calls on the University Libraries to provide educational opportunities that help faculty, staff, and students understand the system of scholarly communication, including authors' rights, the process of submitting works to Scholarly Commons, dissemination of scholarly works through open access methods, and Creative Commons licensing."

## **Mercer Medical Library & Learning Resources Center - Mercer University School of Medicine, Macon, GA**

**Staff news:** Carolann Curry, Reference & Document Delivery Librarian for Mercer University School of Medicine Medical Library, was promoted from Instructor to Assistant Professor. Carolann was also recently appointed to the editorial board of the Journal of the Medical Library Association (JMLA). Additionally, Carolann authored two consumer health book reviews in Library Journal. "Chia Vitality: 30 Days to Better Health, Greater Vibrancy, and a More Meaningful and Purposeful Life" by Janie Hoffman was published on Apr. 1, 139(6): 107 and "Prepare To Defend Yourself: How To Navigate the Healthcare System & Escape with Your Life" by Matthew Minson was published on May 1, 139(8):93.



*Carolann Curry*

**Anna Krampl**, MSLS, reference librarian for the Macon campus of the Medical Library, and **Alisha Miles**, MLIS, AHIP, Library Assistant Professor and Assistant Director for Public Services at the School of Medicine Medical Library, created a

poster presentation for the Mercer School of Medicine Joint Research Conference entitled, "Utilizing Social Media and Other Strategies for Enhancing the Impact of Your Research." Anna presented their poster during the poster session of the May 15 conference.



*Anna Krampfl*



*Alisha Miles*

**Alisha Miles**, MLIS, AHIP, Library Assistant Professor and Assistant Director for Public Services at the School of Medicine Medical Library, attended the Medical Library Association (MLA)'s annual meeting where she presented a paper, and three posters:

**Miles, A.** A Tale of Two Libraries: Implementing Embedded Librarianship Programs from the Perspective of a Solo Hospital Librarian Turned Academic Librarian. Paper presented at: Medical Library Association annual meeting; May 20, 2014; Chicago, IL.

**Miles, A.** Hurst, E., and Varner, Douglas. Medical Informatics Section. "Medical Informatics Section Information." Poster presented at: Medical Library Association (MLA) Annual Meeting as part of section poster session; May 16-21, 2014; Chicago, IL.

Chiplock, A., Barker, K., Mauldin, M., **Miles, A.**, von Isenburg, M., Wright, A., and Youngkin, A. "Emerging Technologies Help Bridge the Gap... Health Information + Community." Poster presented at: Medical Library Association (MLA) Annual Meeting; May 16-21, 2014; Chicago, IL.

Barker, K., Chiplock, A., Mauldin, M., **Miles, A.**, von Isenburg, M., Wright, A., and Youngkin, A. "Identifying barriers to break technological boundaries: A needs assessment of regional medical librarians." Poster presented at: Medical Library Association (MLA) Annual Meeting; May 16-21, 2014; Chicago, IL.

During the meeting Alisha also served as the chair of the Medical Informatics Section Committee. Alisha was also recently appointed to the Medical Library Association (MLA)'s Rogers Information Advancement Jury for 2014-2015.

## **Morehouse School of Medicine Library - Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA**

**Championing Libraries Overseas:** The Morehouse School of Medicine Library (MSML) took its institutional mission of serving the underserved global when Library Director Joe Swanson, Jr., MSLS and Technical Services Division Head Roland Welmaker, Sr., PhD, MSLS traveled to the University of Ghana this past June.

Funded by an Elsevier Foundation grant from its *Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries* program, Dir. Swanson and Dr. Welmaker spent 10 days partnered with the Public Health Program of the University of Ghana, assessing the program's Library with the goal of strengthening its infrastructure. Dr. Welmaker, said, "Through this Elsevier Foundation Grant, Morehouse School of Medicine and its Librarians embrace the opportunity to further pursue the school's mission to serve the underserved and help to eliminate health disparities in the global community. Partnering with the University of Ghana and its Public Health Program is an excellent extension of work already begun under University of Ghana's Dr. Priscilla Nortey and Morehouse School of Medicine's Dr. Kofi Kondwani."

The Elsevier Foundation chose the MSML proposal because it fit their criteria of being a compelling idea that addressed issues of big data, research capacity building, transparency and evidence-based medicine on the library side of impactful health and science communities. From June 7th through 17<sup>th</sup>, Dir. Swanson and Dr. Welmaker worked on the ground in Ghana, completing the analysis of a needs assessment, helping secure the digital and print information resources needed, and helping to establish the library as a center for access to national health and epidemiological data for use by academicians, students, and practitioners. This work continues a long Morehouse School of Medicine Library tradition of partnering with organizations, both here and abroad, to improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities through education, research, and service.

*Around the South: South Carolina***School of Medicine Library, University of South Carolina,  
Columbia, SC**

The University of South Carolina School of Medicine Library has received an Express Digitization award from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/Atlantic Region. The award will be used to create a *History of the School of Medicine* website which will be populated with selected images and documents from a small archival print collection. Christine Whitaker, Collection Development Librarian, will serve as the PI and Felicia Yeh, Deputy Director, and Ashley Knox, Digital Projects Librarian from USC Digital Collection Department, will serve as Co-PIs.

*Felicia Yeh**Christine Whitaker*

Steve Wilson, Coordinator, Center for Disability Resources Library, received an Exhibit Award from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Southeastern/Atlantic Region. This funding will be used to exhibit at the South Carolina American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities annual conference.

*Steven Wilson*



Ruth Riley, Assistant Dean for Executive Affairs and Director of Library Services, attended the Consortium of Southern Biomedical Libraries Retreat in Nashville, April 9-11, 2014, and served as a speaker on the panel presentation "The role of health science libraries in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."



*Ruth Riley*

Christine Whitaker, Collection Development Librarian, attended MLA Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois in May. She is the Chair of the Joseph Leiter NLM/MLA Lectureship Committee.

Victor Jenkinson, Systems Librarian, attended the Innovative Users Group Annual Meeting held in Detroit, Michigan, May 6-9, 2014



*Victor Jenkinson*

The Library bid farewell to Sarah Harper, Web Services Librarian, who moved into a new position as a web designer at Colonial Life & Accident Insurance Company in Columbia.

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*Around the South: Tennessee***Eskind Biomedical Library, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN**

**Staff News:** The Eskind Library and Knowledge Management Team is pleased to announce the recent promotion of four staff members. Taneya Y. Koonce, MSLS, MPH has been promoted to Deputy Director. Rachel Walden, MLIS has been promoted to Associate Director with an emphasis on library operations and special projects. Sheila V. Kunsoor, PhD has been promoted to Associate Director for Research with an emphasis on grants and scholarly communication. Additionally, with the early retirement of Frances Lynch as the Associate Director for Administration, we were fortunate to successfully transfer, through careful knowledge management practices, her financial responsibilities to one of our newly-hired librarians, Zachary Fox. As Zachary assumed this role, he was promoted to Assistant Director for Administration. Please join the Eskind staff in congratulating these exceptional members of our team.

**MLA Participation:** Rachel R. Walden, Associate Director, wrapped up her service as Lead Blogger for MLA 2014. Ms. Walden managed pre-meeting content for the blog, recruited and selected the 2014 conference bloggers, and coordinated with MLA and the National Program Committee. To review the bloggers' observations from the plenary sessions, section programming, posters, and other events, visit <http://npc.mlanet.org/mla14>.

Ms. Walden also began her year of service as Chair of the Relevant Issues section.

**Digital Learning Seed Funding Award:** EBL was recently awarded nearly \$10,000 from the Vanderbilt Institute for Digital Learning in its first year of providing seed funding to promote development and research in digital learning. This Faculty Innovation Program (<http://www.vanderbilt.edu/vidl/support/faculty-innovation-program.php>) is intended to support innovative digital learning projects. EBL's successful proposal will allow for the purchase of a Mondopad (<http://www.infocus.com/displays/INF5520A>) and Adobe Connect software, both of which will be available to students, faculty, and researchers via a reservable room capable of hosting small groups.

The Mondopad will enable collaborative activities such as document review, brainstorming and note-taking, communication with remote sites, and large-format viewing and manipulation of digital media. The Adobe Connect software will enable delivery of educational content via a high-quality webinar product. In addition to making this equipment available to the Medical Center, EBL's team of experts plans to use it to support its own collaborative activities and delivery of expert training to remote partners.

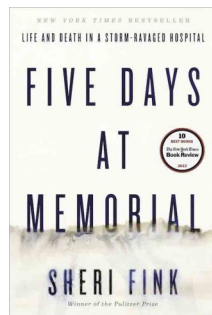
EBL's successful proposal was one of only four awarded in the program's inaugural year. The team will solicit feedback from users of the technologies and deliver a presentation on use of these tools to the campus during 2014-2015.

## 2014 SC/MLA annual meeting

Please be making your plans to participate in the Southern Chapter/MLA meeting, **"Making a Difference in Health"**, at the Battle House Renaissance Hotel and Spa in Mobile, Alabama on October 26-30, 2014!



*Sheri Fink*



Featured speakers include physician and journalist Sheri Fink, the author of the New York Times bestselling book, *Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm-Ravaged Hospital* (Crown, 2013), an account of events at Memorial Medical Center in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina in August of 2005. For her talk, Dr. Fink will recount the events at Memorial Medical Center in New Orleans during hurricane Katrina in August of 2005. Drawing audiences into the lives of the doctors and nurses who struggled to save lives amidst chaos, she raises the central question of the nation's preparedness for rare but foreseeable events. Her research and remarks on the tragedies that occurred at Memorial, and the ensuing investigation, raise ethical and legal questions, and throw into sharp relief some of the current issues around healthcare reform, justice, and liability.

A former relief worker in disaster and conflict zones, Fink received her M.D. and Ph.D. from Stanford University. She has received numerous prizes, including the Pulitzer Prize, the National Magazine Award, the Overseas Press Club Lowell Thomas Award, the National Book Critics Circle Award for nonfiction, the Ridenhour Book Prize, the J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize, and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize. Her first book, *War Hospital: A True Story of Surgery and Survival* (PublicAffairs), is about medical professionals under siege during the genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

*Elaine R. Martin*

Another featured speaker is Elaine R. Martin, MSLS, DA, the Director of Library Services, Lamar Soutter Library, and Director, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, New England Region, at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester. Dr. Martin is a professor of practice at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College, Boston, teaching courses in medical librarianship, library management and scientific research data management. Before joining UMass, Dr. Martin was director of the health sciences library at the University of Illinois at Chicago and served in various other professional positions in medical school libraries in Virginia, Washington, D.C. and Washington state. Dr. Martin received her MSLS from the Catholic University of America, Washington, DC and her doctorate in library science administration from Simmons College, Boston, MA. Dr. Martin's research interests include: biomedical informatics; assessing the information needs of public health workforce; evidence-based public health; e-science, and organizational development, in particular leadership and teamwork as they apply to medical libraries. Most recently, she and her colleagues have developed a nationally recognized curriculum for teaching scientific research data management that is being piloted by more than 17 other health sciences, college and university libraries.

*Ray Weinsbenker*

End the Southern Chapter 2014 meeting in laughter! A review of the medical literature indicates that laughter can raise immunity levels in cancer patients, is a therapeutic benefit in depressed older adults, and has positive effects on depression, insomnia, and sleep quality in the elderly. Laughter has shown different physiological and psychological benefits and there is evidence to suggest that simulated laughter also has some effects on certain aspects of health. If none of those situations fit you, maybe you fall into the target group for a book on laugh therapy that is written for the "chronically serious."

Ray Weinshenker, a Certified Laugh Therapist will help us brighten our day. Ray has a B.S. in Recreational Therapy from the University of South Alabama and a Certification in Gerontology from the University of South Alabama. A resident of Mobile since 1973, he is the owner of [The Man about Town](#), a consulting business service that uses Facebook to promote local businesses. "Never met a Stranger," "Friend for life," and "Laugh and the world laughs with you" are all apt descriptions of Ray and his personality.

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## **Lynn Fortney, Vice President of Medical E-journals and E-packages at EBSCO Information Services to Retire**

*~ Medical Librarian Will Retire from EBSCO on Her 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Date ~*

**IPSWICH, Mass. — May 16, 2014 —** Lynn Fortney, Vice President of Medical E-journals and E-Packages at [EBSCO Information Services](#) (EBSCO) will retire on July 5, 2014. That date is her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at EBSCO. Fortney says, "I have had an amazing career, but my successes have been because of the impressive colleagues I have been privileged to work with, librarians and other information industry leaders alike. EBSCO provided me an incredible opportunity to apply my understanding of the unique issues faced by health sciences librarians to what has become the largest suite of products and services in the information industry. Medical libraries today bear little resemblance to those from the early days of my career and neither does EBSCO. 1973 - 2014; my career has been an awesome, Walt Disney World's Expedition Everest roller-coaster ride."

### **Career Highlights**

Fortney started her library "career" in the eighth grade, working as an aide in her school's library, but it was not until she attended Grinnell College that she learned what a librarian could accomplish in terms of finding information. After graduating in 1972 from Grinnell with a B.A. in American Studies (with a minor in studio art), Fortney attended Emory University's Division of Librarianship



where she earned a Master's degree in 1973 while working at the Central Library of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System.

Her first professional library position was Medical Reference Librarian at the University of Alabama College of Community Health Sciences (CCHS) Library in Tuscaloosa. In 1975, she was appointed Chief Medical Librarian of the CCHS, and was instrumental in developing the plans for and eventually moving the library to Druid City Hospital (now DCH Regional Medical Center). In 1982, Fortney accepted the position of Associate Director of Public Services at the Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences/University of Alabama at Birmingham, where she was deeply involved in the selection, implementation and training for the library's first integrated library system (ILS), the Georgetown LIS.

### **25 Years at EBSCO**

In 1989, Fortney was recruited by EBSCO to become the company's first Medical Library Marketing Manager, and subsequently became Vice President/Director, Biomedical Division. In this role, she provided a biomedical library focus for the company by monitoring trends affecting academic medical center and hospital libraries, recommending new services specifically designed for health sciences librarians, and participating in product development and business planning.

She started her tenure at EBSCO at the dawn of MEDLINE on CD-ROM and the early days of email as we know it. In her 25 years at EBSCO, Fortney experienced the impact of the rise of the Internet, the World Wide Web, and electronic journals. A major focus of her career was working on tools for collection development/assessment and journal price studies, specifically the Index Medicus Price Study (IMPS). In 1999, the Medical Library Association Collection Development Section awarded Fortney the first Daniel T Richards Prize For Writing Related to Collecting in the Health Sciences, for the "Index Medicus Price Study, 1998-1999", which she co-authored with Victor Basile.

EBSCO Information Services President Tim Collins says Fortney has helped EBSCO shape its ever-expanding medical resources and provided EBSCO with a very valuable medical librarian perspective. "We have been fortunate to work with such a strong advocate for medical libraries for so many years. Lynn has been a key member of our team for a long time and we believe medical libraries have benefited significantly from the guidance she provided."

### **Conferences, T. Scott Plutchak and The Bearded Pigs**

Fortney has presented at events and conferences across America and around the world, including delivering the keynote address at the Australian Library and Information Association "Specials" Conference, Melbourne, Australia, 2001. She met her future husband, T. Scott Plutchak (at the time, Director of the St Louis University Health Sciences Library), in 1992, when she invited him to speak at a seminar for academic medical library directors she was organizing in Birmingham. Their wedding was the "featured entertainment" of the Midcontinental Chapter's Welcome Reception in Kansas City in

1995. Plutchak (currently Director, Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences/University of Alabama at Birmingham), Fortney and several of their musically talented friends in the medical library field formed a band, “The Bearded Pigs,” that played for many years at the MLA Annual Meeting (with incidental proceeds to the MLA’s Grants and Scholarship Fund).

### **Professional Associations**

Fortney has been active in professional associations throughout her career, most especially the Medical Library Association (MLA); teaching MLA continuing education courses and speaking at symposia, serving on various MLA committees and task forces, and in leadership roles of several sections. She was a founding member and first president (1980-81) of the Alabama Health Libraries Association, Chair of the Southern Chapter/Medical Library Association in 2001 – 2002, served on the national MLA Nominating Committee three times (1997, 2004 and 2010), and was elected to the MLA Board of Directors for a three year term, 2000-2003. She says her greatest honor came in 2011 when she was named a Fellow of the Medical Library Association, which she describes as, “a rare tribute for someone who did not work in a library.” Fortney has always refused to be referred to as “a vendor who used to be a librarian”. For 25 years, she happened to work for a vendor. But she has always been a librarian first.

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